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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7 and 10-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

In response to applicant's filing dated December 09, 2003. The following action is taken:

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yokoi et al (5732062).

The independent claims merely read on recording data on a disk. The marks (data) on disk having a predetermined size (N), which is related to the beam diameter and traveling (emission time) distance on a track corresponding to the raising and falling edges of the beam power. Therefore, the mark on a track is recorded by a power beam having a raising and falling edges, the time period correspond to the mark length with respect to the beam spot. The reference shows the use of an optical disk recording apparatus wherein a mark having a predetermined size (N) equal to $3T-11T$, the mark corresponds to a reference size equal to the sum of the beam diameters emitted on the track corresponding to a raising and falling edges of a power beam spot as shown in figs 20-27 and 37.

With respect to the limitation of claim 2. The claim read on any mark size that is smaller than the beam spot diameter. The $6T$ mark falls within the claimed range as shown in figs 20-27.

With respect to the limitation of claim 3. The claim is broadly cited that it read on power pulses in recording a mark on a track as shown in figs 20-27.

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With respect to the limitation of claim 9. The claim read on a well established phase change material used in an optical disk.

Claims 4-7 and 10-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

None of the cited prior art shows or teaches the recording of marks on a disk by multiplying 1.3 ± 0.1 to the predetermined size N.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to NABIL Z. HINDI at telephone number (571) 272-7618.


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